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FROM AMB WELLS TO IO/MR FRANK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, UNDP, UK  
SUBJECT: 24TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: POSITION OF UK DEL ON KEY  
ISSUES

1. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION HAS BEEN MARKED BY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF CONSENSUS AMONG DONOR COUNTRIES ON KEY ISSUES OF UNDP'S CENTRAL ROLE IN COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION. UK DEL (HEADED BY L.C.J. MARTIN, UNDER SEC'Y, MIN OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT DURING FIRST WEEK, AND NOW BY K.J. WINDSOR, HEAD OF UN DEPT IN SAME MINISTRY), HOWEVER, HAS CONSISTENTLY OBSTRUCTED DONOR CONSENSUS BY INTRODUCING LANGUAGE SUPPORTIVE OF FRAGMENTATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN UN SYSTEM. SUCH ATTEMPTS HAVE PARTICULARLY MANIFESTED THEMSELVES DURING DRAFTING NEGOTIATIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 4 (UNDP'S ROLE AND ACTIVITIES) AND HAVE EVEN PERIODICALLY STOOD IN THE WAY OF DONOR-RECIPIENT CONSENSUS ON KEY ISSUES.

2. OTHER WEO DELS AND UNDP SECRETARIAT HAVE POINTED OUT THAT MARTIN HAS A PARTICULAR AFFINITY TO FAO. BEFORE LEAVING LONDON, HE APPARENTLY OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR THIS UK LINE FROM JUDITH HART  
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(WHOSE APPROVAL WAS CHARACTERIZED BY SOME AS AN "OVERSIGHT" DUE TO LACK OF ATTENTION). BASED ON THIS APPROVAL, HOWEVER, MARTIN, AND NOW WINDSOR, ARE PURSUING A COURSE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THAT OF OTHER MAJOR DONOR COUNTRIES.

3. UNDP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ANSTEE APPROACHED USDEL (NORRIS) WITH STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT HE EXPLAIN US POSITION ON THIS MATTER

TO "NEW MEMBERS" IN FOREIGN OFFICE, I.E., THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH PREVIOUS, LONG-STANDING UK POSITION. SHE FELT THAT SUCH AN EXPLANATION WOULD CORRECT A TREND THAT COULD HAVE FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS IN UNDP, UN SYSTEM, AND EVEN IN PRESENT U.S. FOCUS (AS OUTLINED IN GOV. GILLIGAN'S SPEECH) ON ENHANCING THE ROLE OF UNDP. (THE FOCUS OF THE TRIP WILL BE SOLELY ON ISSUES, AND NOT AT ALL ON PERSONALITIES INVOLVED.)

4. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEPT APPROVE, IN NORRIS' CURRENT ITINERARY, THAT HE TRAVEL FROM TEL AVIV TO LONDON ON JULY 24 TO MEET WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS: MR.E. LURAD (MINISTRY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS); MR. P. PRESTON (PERMANENT SEC'Y IN MINISTRY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS); MR. F. JUDD (MINISTR Y OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS); AND JUDITH HART. I BELIEVE THAT CLARIFICATION OF US (AND OTHER WEO) VIEWS WILL REVERSE DISTURBING TREND IN UK POLICIES EVIDENCED AT THIS GOVERNING COUNCIL. IF DEPT APPROVES, PLEASE ASK EMBASSY LONDON TO ARRANGE FOR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NORRIS ON JULY 24-25 AND TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH OFFICIALS LISTED ON JULY 25. (NORRIS HAS TALKED TO ECON COUNSELOR IN LONDON, BILL MILLER, WHO HAS AGREED TO TRY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IF DEPT WISHES, AND WILL ACCOMPANY NORRIS ON APPOINTMENTS IF POSSIBLE.)SORENSEN

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